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Informing you about news, events, data releases, congressional actions and other developments associated with the American Community Survey (ACS).

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Quality Measures Page Added to Web Site

The ACS is designed to produce high quality survey data to meet the critical needs of data users. Data users must be aware, however, of potential limitations of ACS estimates in order to use them wisely. The U.S. Census Bureau today unveiled a new section of the ACS Web site that provides four key measures of data quality:

- Sample size: How large of a sample was used to produce the ACS estimates?
- Response rates: What was the response to the survey?
- Coverage rates: How well does the ACS cover the population?
- Item allocation rates: How complete were the data used to produce a specific estimate?

Please visit the quality measures page at <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/sse/index.htm>. It contains definitions of each of the quality measures listed above, which currently are available at the national and state levels for 2000, 2001 and 2002.

The section will be updated as new ACS data are released. The Census Bureau encourages your feedback to assist us in evaluating and revising ACS Web site content.

ACS 2000-2001 CD-ROMs Still Available

The CD-ROM containing the 2000-2001 ACS data is still available free of charge from the Census Bureau. Call (301)763-INFO (4636) to order.

The ACS data for a sample of more than 700,000 households surveyed in the 2000 and 2001 supplementary surveys are included on the CD-ROM, as well as the data for the 31 American Community Survey test sites.

The ACS is a key component in the Census Bureau's re-engineered 2010 census, which also consists of early planning and modernization of geographic operations.

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